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Teachers' gay-straight alliance should go provincewide: Union

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Association now advocating 'precedentsetting' format



Omar Mosleh Metro Edmonton

For the last year a group of Edmonton teachers has been meeting regularly to talk about LGBTQ issues in schools, in what organizers say is Alberta's first gay-straight alliance for teaching professionals.

Now the Alberta Teachers' Association is advocating for the "precedent-setting" format to be implemented provincewide.

Greg Carabine, the president of the Edmonton Catholic Teachers union, said he was discussing student gay-straight alliances with his teachers in 2016 when he realized a missing link.

"A teacher asked 'What about support for teachers?' It was in the news for students, but there was nothing proposed for teachers," Carabine recalled.

Carabine said establishing the support group for teachers was a "no-brainer."

"A teacher came to me and had a need. We weren't meeting that need ... at the time it was a fairly simple decision," he said.

At first, he wasn't sure what the support group would accomplish, he said, but it's become not so much an advocacy group, but simply a safe place to talk.

"It's an opportunity for some people to share their experiences," Carabine said. "They can be gay, they can be straight, or it could be about kids using (derogatory) language in the hallway and what you did to address it."

Alberta Teachers' Association President Mark Ramsankar said it makes sense to provide the same supports to teachers — both gay and straight — as they do for students.

"What we're concerned with is a safe environment for all. If teachers want to get together and create a safe environment that's very supportive, they should have the flexibility and the ability to do so," he said.

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Vicky Mochama: The appropriation prize controversy is a chance to read, listen and learn. Views

AlphaGo outsmarts world champion human player

University of Alberta AI tackles popular eral hours. board game



Kevin Maimann Metro Edmonton

University of Alberta alumni helped develop a computer program that's poised to outsmart humanity.

Named AlphaGo, the program is in China this week taking on the world's top human player of Go - an ancient Chinese board game said to be the most complicated in existence — and it's winning.

"If you had been asking me a few years ago, how long before we see a computer program strong enough to beat the best human at Go, I was thinking it would be not in my lifetime," said Ryan Hayward, a professor in the U of A's computing science program.

"It came out of nowhere, was a huge step forward in artificial intelligence. And now it's stronger than the strongest human."

AlphaGo is taking on 19-yearold world champion Ke Jie in a three-game match that spans five days this week, and it won the first game handily on Tuesday.

The software was developed in London by Google's DeepMind, in part by U of A alumni David

Silver and Aja Huang, who both studied with Hayward.

Hayward has little doubt the program will pull off the final two games, which can last sev-

"AlphaGo was not sweating at all," Hayward said. "I mean I know that computers don't sweat, but it was very, very comfortable."

Chinese authorities are less excited about the prospect of their homegrown champ getting trounced by a computer program, however - Hayward said China has blocked live streams of the match within its borders and blocked physical access from some people viewing the match.

"I'm thinking that if Ke Jie were winning then they would be live streaming it. But because he's not winning, they don't want to publicize that a foreign-developed AI is better than the best Chinese Go player," Hayward said.

The U of A has had a worldrenowned artificial intelligence program for decades. Researchers at the university developed the first computer program to defeat the world's top checkers players, and the U of A was also involved with the software that dominated humans at chess.

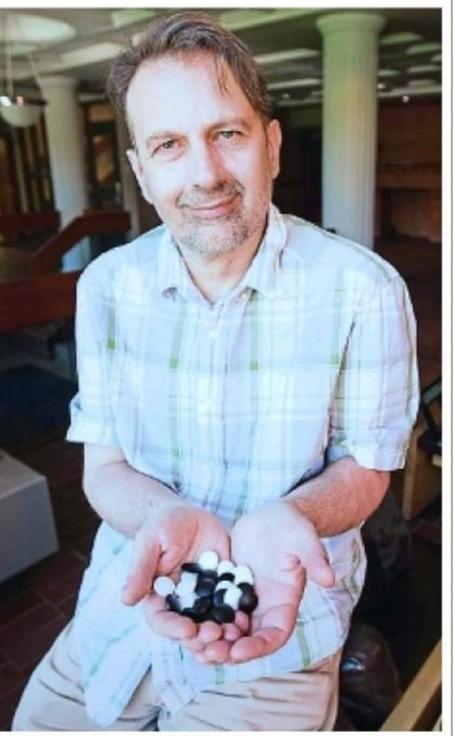
Hayward said Go is the final frontier of board games, but the development has broader, more practical applications, from airline scheduling to routing online purchases.

"Many problems that you're solving, you're looking at lots of possible alternative solutions you're just figuring out which is the best one," he said.



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popular games in the world, Asia. The International Go Federation has 75 member countries.



Ryan Hayward was involved with the development of an artificially intelligent machine that defeated the world's best Go player. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

School condemns protest



Omar Mosleh Metro Edmonton

The principal of Lindsay Thurber Composite High School in Red Deer strongly condemned an anti-immigrant protest held on Tuesday morning in response to a student scuffle last week.

In a letter sent to parents principal Dan Lower assured them that the school was safe for everyone. He said he was disheartened that online comments and the protest itself sparked fear among some students.

"Many of our refugee and immigrant students have indicated that they are afraid to come to school tomorrow, this makes me ill," he said in the letter.

The fight outside the school on May 16 attracted online comments accusing the immigrants of whipping students and accusing school officials of not disciplining the Syrians.

More than a dozen people showed up at the school parking lot Tuesday to protest, including an anti-Muslim group called Worldwide Coalition Against Islam and another group called Soldiers of Odin. RCMP were at the scene as a precaution.

He said all the students involved in the fight — four Syrians and four Canadians - were suspended for one week.

"I do want to reach out to parents and students that are unsure of things they may have heard, or read online, and encourage them to speak to an administrator to get the real facts."

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Go is a two-player board game that was invented in China more than 2,500 years

The game is played with black and white pieces called "stones" on a board with a 19x19 grid, and the objective is to surround a greater total area of the board than the opposing player.

It is more complex than chess, with a bigger board and more choices to consider - the possibilities of moves outnumber the

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City report card in

Room to improve in transit, crime and fire rescue



Jeremy Simes Metro Edmonton

How is Edmonton doing as a city? Not so bad, according to new report discussed Tuesday.

Edmonton showed gains in "community connectedness," health and wellness and attending recreation and library facilities. Overall, Edmonton is on track to meet or exceed 14 targets by 2018, expected to be near eight targets by 2018, but won't meet three targets by next year.

Dive deeper into the numbers, however, and you'll find Edmonton has more work to do in improving the severity of crime, encouraging more people to ride transit, seeing more infill development in mature neighbourhoods and reducing greenhouse gases.

City councillors discussed the metrics at the executive committee Tuesday. The numbers will go to council next week for final approval.

Here's how the city has fared:

CRIME

In 2016, Edmonton's crime severity index, which measures the volume and severity of policereported crime, rose by 5.6 per cent from 111.7 points in 2015 to 118 points. The target is 84.

City staff said the increase is largely tied to Alberta's lagging economy. Police reported a 20 per cent increase in possession and trafficking offences of crystal meth, cocaine and opioids like fentanyl. Property crime also rose by 10 per cent.

On the flip side, police reported violent crime fell by 1.8 per cent, primarily due to the reduced number of sexual as-



Edmonton isn't doing so bad, according to a new report. METRO FILE

saults and uttering threats cases in Edmonton. Traffic violations also fell by 2.2 per cent.

"I think, generally speaking, most people should feel safe in Edmonton," said Supt. Chad Tawfik, following a question from Coun. Scott McKeen who asked about safety.

FIRE RESCUE EVENTS

In 2016, Edmonton Fire Rescue Services reported a rate of 53 rescue events per 1,000 population. This is a slight decrease from 54 events per 1,000 population in 2015, though it doesn't meet the target of less than 50.

But fire crews are seeing a boost in calls to help people with medical issues. Medical events now make up 67 per cent of all calls.

"It's significant," said Chief Ken Block during the committee meeting, regarding the numbers. He noted the increase could be tied to more opioid use in Edmonton and more older folks requiring help.

The spike in medical events spurred Mayor Don Iveson to ask administration if more collaboration is needed with EMS at Alberta Health Services. Staff will return with more details on such collaboration efforts at a later time.

TRANSIT

Data in the municipal census found 24.7 per cent of Edmontonians choose to get to work through a method of transportation other than driving themselves. This includes taking public transit, being a passenger in a car, cycling and walking. The metric falls short of the 25.9 per cent target.

Despite the shortfall, the city says it's seen increases over the years in the number of people not choosing to drive. Staff also highlighted the downtown bike grid, getting the Metro Line to full speed and Valley Line construction as ways of improving transit options.

INFILL DEVELOPMENT

Though just shy of the 2018 target of 25 per cent, Edmonton saw a significant jump in 2016 over the number of new homes, garden suites or complexes being built in older communities.

In 2016, there was a total of 1,335 "net unit gain" in core neighbourhoods, as compared to 645 net unit gain in 2015. The city anticipates the rate of growth in mature neighbourhoods will increase as planners continues to change rules to support "market transformation."

LIVEABILITY

West Jasper Avenue slimmer this summer

Expect more room for pedestrians — even Zumba classes on Jasper Avenue this summer, as city crews narrow a portion of the road to make more room for people not in cars.

"We want to give that mainstreet feel," said Satya Gadidasu, the project manager overseeing the new Jasper Ave pilot project, launching July 10.

City councillors green-lit the project Tuesday. It will see crews turn curbside lanes into sidewalks on Jasper between 109 Street and 115 Street.

Crews will install concrete barriers, much like the ones used for the downtown bike grid, to cordon off the lanes. The goal is to give residents a feel for what the area would be like if officially redesigned.

The decision to go ahead with the pilot comes after two years of consultation with residents over the proposed plans, which would see one less lane from 109 Street to 124 Street, "flex space" for parking or patios, and tree-lined medians from 117 Street to 121 Street.

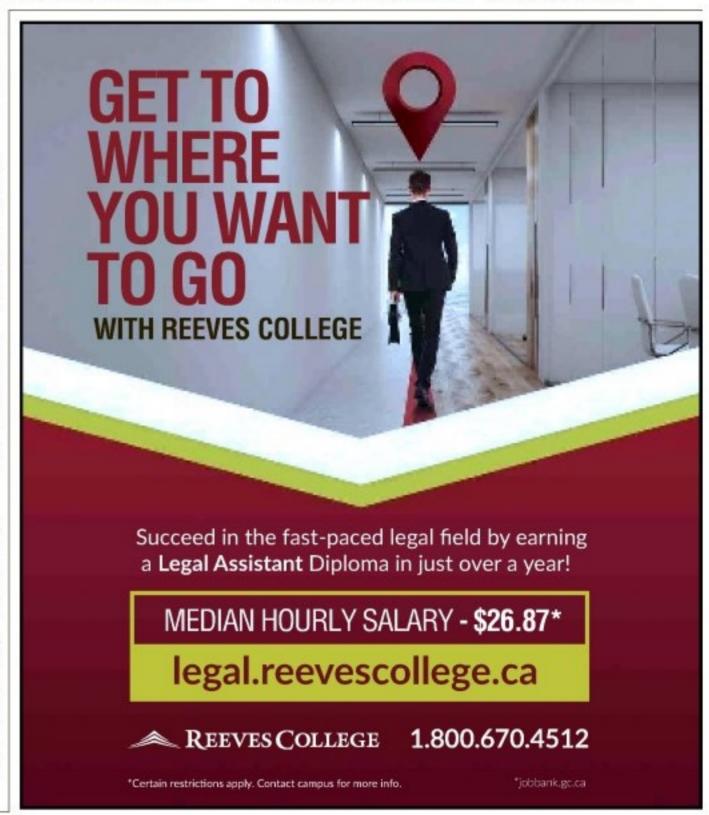
Sidewalks would also be widened and each intersection would include traffic signals.

But don't just expect Zumba classes this summer, according to Gadidasu.

He said there will be about four new patios for Edmontonians to enjoy, as well as

"We have partners with businesses and other organizations," he said.

"Stay tuned because we have other updates coming." JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO





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8-year-old girl among Manchester victims

Many parents still waiting to hear from their kids

Names of the victims are beginning to emerge in Monday night's deadly bombing at an Ariana Grande concert in Man-

For a crowd of mostly young British music fans, the concert was supposed to be a school night out enjoying cheerful high-energy pop. It quickly turned into sheer terror.

A suicide bomber detonated a powerful explosive device moments after the American singer wrapped up her show Monday night in Manchester, sending people into a desperate search for missing family and friends. The blast killed 22 people and wounded 59 others, with 12 of the wounded under the age of 16, officials said.

Young concert goers fled the scene of the attack, some still wearing the American pop

star's trademark kitten ears and holding pink balloons.

One of the victims has been identified as eight-year-old Saffie Rose Roussos, a "beautiful little girl" who was taken to the concert by her mother

Saffie was remembered fondly by Chris Upton, the head teacher at Tarleton Community Primary School.

"Saffie was simply a beautiful little girl in every aspect of the word," Upton told The Guardian. "She was loved by everyone and her warmth and kindness will be remembered fondly."

Another victim is 18-year-old Georgina Callander, who studied health and social care at Runshaw College in Lancashire.

The school released a statement on Facebook saying, "Our deepest sympathies, thoughts and prayers go out to all of Georgina's friends, family, and all of those affected by

Charlotte Campbell was among the parents still looking for their children. She told BBC Radio 4's Today program that her 15-year-old daughter, Olivia, was still missing, but sadly posted on Facebook later Tuesday that Olivia was indeed one of those killed in the attack.

She said she had spoken to her at the concert. "She'd just seen the support act and said she was having an amazing time, and thanking me for letting her go," she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

DETAILS



Daesh claimed responsibility for the attack. Manchester Police Chief Ian Hopkins identified the bomber as 22-year-old Salman Abedi.

events including sports

matches.





Callander and Ariana Grande in 2015. Bottom: Saffie Rose Roussos. Callander and Roussos were the first victims to be identified in an attack at Manchester Arena, which left 22 people dead on Monday. CONTRIBUTED/ THE ASSOCIATED

Above: Georgina

Increased security for shows

Some venues are taking extra steps to ensure concertgoers feel safer in the coming weeks, even if there isn't any sign of imminent danger.

Heightened security is planned for Toronto's Air Canada Centre where Canadian superstar the Weeknd is scheduled to play back-to-back shows this weekend. Other international stars like the Chainsmokers and Neil Diamond are slated for the coming weeks.

Dave Haggith, a spokesman for the ACC's owner Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, said more security staff will be on the grounds for these events.

While he declined to offer details on whether other security measures would also be taken, he acknowledged that more was being done.

Elsewhere in the country, Winnipeg's MTS Centre will have a bomb-sniffing dog on site for Friday's Red Hot Chili Peppers show, bolstering other classified security measures.

The Scotiabank Centre in Halifax promises heightened security and police presence for its I Love The 90s tour event on Wednesday, featuring Salt-N-Pepa. THE CANADIAN PRESS WITH FILES FROM METRO



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JESSICA ALLEN ON HOT BLACK COFFEE FOR A NEW AGE



Your essential daily news

Food wasn't just a detail in the original Twin Peaks. It was central to the show's humour — something the reboot may have forgotten — and in grounding the characters in a normal world.

Everyone is talking about how strange the new Twin Peaks is. Critics are saying television hasn't been this odd since, well, the original Twin Peaks aired back in 1990.

No surprise there. Welcome back to the weird and wonderful mind of David Lynch.

But two things struck me while watching the first four episodes of the 18-part continuation. First, where are the coffee, cherry pie and jelly-filled doughnuts? And second, who would have thought that coffee and doughnuts would have morphed into a world of almost unfathomable oddity?

"Coffee culture" happened so gradually that we didn't even know it.

It's been 25 years since FBI Agent Dale Cooper tells Sheriff Truman in the first season of Twin Peaks to treat himself every day, whether it be to an office catnap or "two cups of good hot black coffee."

The new series lets us examine the evolution from diner coffee to unicorn frappuccinos with wonderment.

By way of introduction may I remind you of the Cronut? I doubt even the



Twin Peaks ushered in a Golden Era of food-centric TV, including Seinfeld and Gilmore Girls, writes Jessica Allen. AP PHOTO

Log Lady could've predicted that, not to mention \$6 cups of cold brew, gourmet matcha green tea doughnuts — even gluten-free doughnuts, a metaphysical feat only achievable in the extra dimensional Black Lodge.

Food was omnipresent in many of the so-called Golden Age of Television series that arguably started with Twin Peaks. The diner in Seinfeld is as much a character as the woods are in Twin Peaks. Then there's The Sopranos and Carmela's baked ziti and the pork sandwiches

from Satriale's that even the FBI agents following Tony couldn't resist. Junk food and jumbo coffees were basically members of the family on Gilmore Girls.

But food wasn't just a detail in the original Twin Peaks. It was central to the show's humour — something the reboot may have forgotten — and in grounding the characters in a normal world. Sure, there was a lady who got messages from her log but somewhere there was coffee and doughnuts and cherry pie.

If coffee and doughnuts were the bench mark for the norm that let Twin Peaks' wilder flights of fancy soar, it should come as no surprise that in a world of \$75 "cat poop" coffee — made from beans partially digested by cats — the show's universe now isn't just weird. It is almost beyond comprehension.

In Twin Peaks, Deputy
Chief "Hawk" is opening
the old case file on Laura
Palmer. There on the table
beside him is a pink box of
doughnuts. Despite the audience wondering if Norma
was forced to use a brand
consultant, Truman's cellphone and Ben Horn's weedinfused comestibles, not a lot
seems to have changed in the
north-west logging town.

So we are hooked again, brought into a mind-altering reality through the basic power of a black cup of coffee and doughnuts. The Tim Hortons execs who are trying to figure out how to mass-produce lattes should take note, before the real world surpasses the new Twin Peaks in its oddity.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

Appropriation prize flap a chance to listen and learn



Vicky Mochama Metro | Toronto

PHILOSOPHER CAT by Jason Logan

Two weeks ago, I watched several powerful people gleefully line up to throw money at the opportunity to refuse to hear criticism.

The so-called appropriation prize and the ensuing fallout at major media organizations are not about free speech. This is about who gets to speak and who should be thankful for being allowed to exist.

At times, Indigenous issues overlap with my ill-attendedto specialities: race, gender, and politics. To be sure, it's a wide umbrella, but it doesn't always cover everything.

On those occasions, I read, listen and learn.

In the aftermath of the Joseph Boyden controversy, I read Indigenous writers who, with compassion and fury, asked for transparency.

After the human rights tribunal concluded Canada discriminated against Indigenous children, I read the rulings and listened to Cindy Blackstock's fierce advocacy.

I listen to podcasts from Media Indigena and Indian and Cowboy.

Slowly but surely, I'm working through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report. It's a harrowing read, but essential.

I say this not to selfcongratulate, but to say that I am still in the shallow end. Every new piece of information leads to more questions, which leads to answers that only ask more questions. Until I can swim in the deep end with Indigenous people, I'm going to do my best to stay in my lane.

And that's what the appropriation prize organizers and their supporters need to do. Because in a short period of time, they revealed the things we — Indigenous, Black, racialized people suspected to be true: That for them, our cultures, like ourselves, can be put up for auction. That our histories, our pains, our joys (if we're allowed that), our style - the things that make us strong and unique - are available to most ambitious imitators.

There have been consequences: a resignation, a demotion, and some apologies. But there are still more non-Indigenous people defining terms of a conversation they're not equipped to have.

For us, it's a time for listening and for learning. For progress and reconciliation to work, speaking up cannot mean speaking over.

In Indigenous Writes, a friendly and righteous raft for these waters, Chelsea Vowel says, "What we cannot do is pretend the subject matter is anything but difficult. Sometimes, we will simply have to agree to disagree." Still, she insists that it can be done: "We begin that process by understanding the fundamental issues."

The most consistent voices asking for explanation, accountability and apology were Indigenous.

Simply, they are the voices to listen to.



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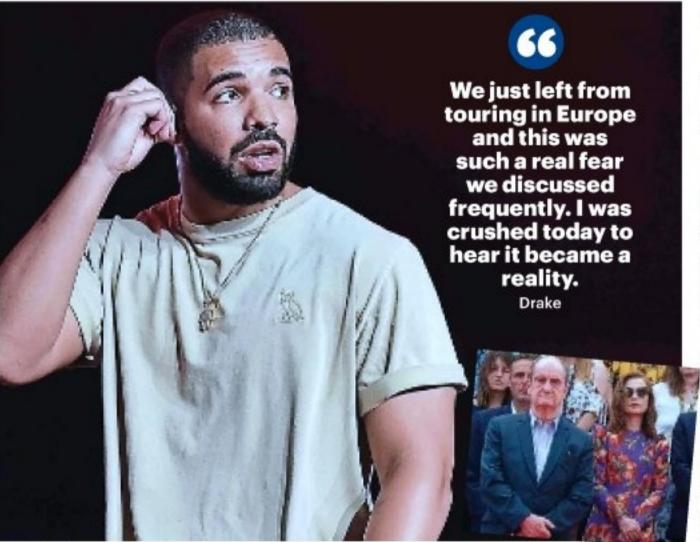
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Inset: Pierre Lescure and Isabelle Huppert in a moment of silence at Cannes Film Festival, GETTY

Fear of attacks unites artists

Stars show solidarity after terror at Ariana **Grande concert**

Attacks such as the deadly bombthat killed 22 people at an hester, England were a "real ear" that was "discussed frequently" while touring in Europe, Canadian rap star Drake

Toronto-raised rapper wrote:

of mind for Ariana," he wrote.

Monday's explosion sparked a stampede of young concertgoers, some still wearing Grande's trademark kitten ears and holding pink balloons. Authorities said an eight-year-old girl was among the dead.

adian stars with teenage followings who voiced sympathy and solidarity Tuesday for those affected by the attack.

Teen idol Shawn Mendes, pop singers Justin Bieber, and Alessia In a post on Instagram, the Cara as well as YouTube star Lilly Singh all took to Twitter with

be praying for all of Manches- play in Paris on Wednesday, deter. Also, I am praying on peace scribed himself as "completely

"I am truly so sorry about what has happened in Manchester tonight. Unthinkable events. All my love to the families affected," he said.

Cara helped circulate an online list of those still missing Drake was one of several Can- after Monday's show, adding "my heart is with u, Manchester."

Bieber simply tweeted the

hashtag #PrayForManchester. Singh, who was set to perform in Malaysia on Tuesday, tweeted: "My heart and prayers go out to Ariana and everyone at her show in Manchester. I can't even imagine the feeling. No words."

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Gossip DIGEST SO MUCH MOORE TO ROGER THAN BOND

Moore had prouder achievements than 007

Sir Roger Moore saw that there was more to life than a well-mixed martini. Burdened with following Sean Connery as Agent 007, Moore, who died Tuesday aged 89, kept it light, using a wry, amused tone and perpetually-arched eyebrow as if he had landed on set by accident. But the handsome,

dark-haired actor had a long, full life both before and after his debut as Bond in 1973. As well as starring in popular U.S. 1950s-60s TV series Maverick and 1959 U.S. series The Alaskans, in England, he had a longrunning TV hit with The Saint, playing enigmatic he was knighted by Queen action hero Simon Templar. Elizabeth II not for his Off-screen, he became the acting, but his humanitarian

and five years later attended 2 From photo to movie Recently, after a Twitter user the World Congress captioned the above 2014 Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, and disclosed that he too had been a victim, stressing it was important to encourage young victims not to feel guilty. In 2003,

photo of singer Rihanna and actress Lupita Nyongo with "Rihanna looks like she scams rich white men and Lupita is the computer smart best friend that helps plan the scams," the stars approved of the concept. It is reportedly being turned into a movie by Netflix, METRO

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Another scorching summer is about to hit, and for Canadians that usually means one thing drinking.

"Patio season, dock season, hipsters in parks: No matter what kind of Canadian you are, you drink beer in the summer," said Crystal Luxmore, a beer

sommelier and beverage writer who runs craft beer tasting events with the Beer Sisters in Toronto.

But, "people want to be able to...have a few on the patio and not feel too tipsy in the heat," Luxmore said - hence the explosion in the popularity of lighter drinks with less than five per cent alcohol by volume.

Cider sales have been surging since 2014. The lightly alcoholic Aperol spritz was so popular last summer that importers had trouble keeping it on store shelves.

And the beverage known as a radler in Germany and a

increased their offerings, she

It's all part of the trend away from super-sweet, highlighter-hued coolers.

'We're more health conscious, even what comes into alcohol. Beer is a natural product. Combining that with real juice or fresh zested fruit seems healthier for us than a glucose-fructose-laden alco-pop."

Luxmore said she has seen breweries increasingly experimenting with beers that have fruit smashed directly in, zest and all, resulting in bolderflavoured tipples that are still fairly low in alcohol.

She also expects to see a continued rise in full-strength beers sweetened with natural fruit - blueberry lager, watermelon wheat beer, and hoppy IPAs, mixed with tropical fruits.

Demographics has something to do with it: One of the only groups of Canadians whose alcohol consumption is increasing is younger women. Traditionally, radlers and ciders are considered "fruity and girly," and concoctions like the Bud Light Lime-A-Rita are clearly marketed at women, Luxmore said.

But, "the way a craft brewery does a radler - citrusy. dry, not too sweet - appeals to men and women," she said. "Increasingly, it's not a lady thing to drink fruit beer."

(I) LIGHT OPTIONS

Snakebite

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Lagerita

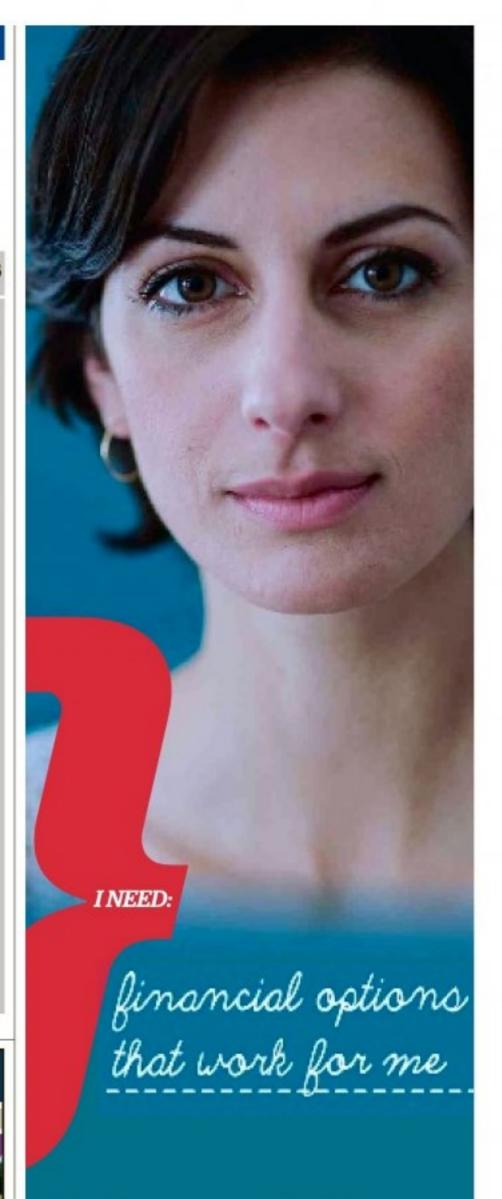
Mix the juice of one lime with a couple of table-

spoons of simple syrup or agave. Pour into an ice-filled beer glass rimmed with sugar or a

sugar-salt combo and fill with lager of choice. If you want a boozy version, add a splash of tequila.

Blood orange shandy

Mix blood orange soda (San Pellegrino is easiest to find in Canada) with an equal amount of beer - fullbodied or hoppy varieties work particularly well. Add in the juice of a blood orange and a small amount of zest: Summer in a glass.



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shandy in the British Isles - es-

sentially equal parts beer and

some kind of non-alcoholic

fruit drink such as pop, juice,

or lemonade - has been on

the rise in Canada for about

seven years, Luxmore said.

But they've really exploded

in recent summers as both

giants like Molson and Can-

adian craft breweries have



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REVIEW

In-between Lexus IS model outperformed by rest of series



Sami Haj-Assaad AutoGuide.com

Lexus is playing catch up in the sport sedan segment and has introduced new trim levels in its popular IS series.

For many, the base IS 200t is a great choice, but it's only available with rear-wheel drive. While the range-topping IS 350 drives all four wheels, it's expensive and fuel thirsty. To try to alleviate this issue, Lexus has introduced the IS 300 AWD, a model in the middle of the lineup that can only be had



ALL PHOTOS HANDOUTS

with all-wheel drive.

While the four-cylinder turbocharged Lexus IS 200t starts at \$42,195, the IS 300 AWD comes in at \$44,995, commanding a \$2,800 premium for two extra drive wheels and cylinders. It sounds like a good deal, at first. The IS 300 AWD has 14 ponies over its smaller displacement, turbocharged brother, but is down 22 lb-ft of torque. The lack of twist is noticeable and the IS 300 AWD feels slow and pokey to get going. And it seems much less powerful and torquey than the range-topping

IS 350, which has 50 more hp and 40 more lb-ft of torque.

There's also no benefit at the pumps for getting the IS 300 AWD over the IS 350 AWD, which starts at \$55,395. If buyers want fuel savings they should consider the much more efficient IS 200t. The engine does, however, provide smooth and linear acceleration. Steering is good, which is to say it's well-weighted and responsive. The chassis is also pretty good, meaning that the car reacts to direction changes well, but without the harshness that comes from cars trying to be too sporty. It's best described as smooth and obedient.

It's worth talking about the polarizing interior of the car. With plenty of odd angles inside, it's definitely not the most user-friendly. And the infotainment system has to be one of the worst on the market. With an imprecise and hyperactive mouse-like controller, it's a pain to select items on the screen and extremely frustrating to control the navigation or make calls while driving.

It's hard to recommend this over the two other models in the lineup.

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Sens push Pens into Game 7

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Anderson returns to form with 44 saves in victory

The Ottawa Senators are still alive.

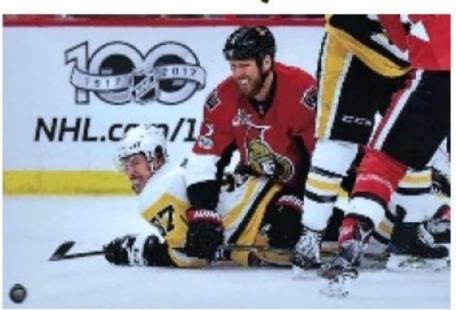
Mike Hoffman scored the go-ahead goal early in the third period of Game 6 as the Sens brushed off elimination with a 2-1 win on Tuesday and sent the Eastern Conference final to a decisive Game 7 in Pittsburgh.

Ottawa was facing elimination for the first time in the playoffs.

Bobby Ryan also scored a rare power-play goal for Ottawa and Craig Anderson was terrific with 44 saves.

Matt Murray gave up a pair on 30 shots and Evgeni Malkin mustered the lone goal for the Penguins, who will shoot for their second straight Stanley Cup final appearance once more on Thursday night.

The Sens managed to quickly forget a 7-0 pounding two days



Penguins centre Sidney Crosby and Senators defenceman Marc Methot fall to the ice after colliding on Tuesday. MINAS PANAGIOTAKIS/GETTY IMAGES

earlier in Game 5, stave off the end of their season and land one more shot at a first Stanley Cup final appearance in 10 years.

Ottawa was primarily looking for a return to structure in Game 6, beginning with a smoother start - which they

Notable in a scoreless first frame were two effective penalty kills, one of which saw Viktor Stalberg get the best opportunity shorthanded.

Pittsburgh mostly owned the

second, pounding 23 shots on Anderson while mustering 82 per cent of even-strength shot attempts (27-6).

After the two teams traded second-period goals, Hoffman gave the Sens the lead 94 seconds into the third. He blasted a slap-shot past Murray following a backhand feed and follow-up traffic in front from Fredrik Claesson.

Anderson stopped all 12 shots he faced in the third to close out the Pens. THE CANADIAN PRESS



🗐 IN BRIEF

Morales blasts sends Jays to victory over Brewers

Kendrys Morales hit a tworun homer and the Toronto Blue Jays held off the Milwaukee Brewers 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Six of the first eight Blue Jays batters reached based against Milwaukee starter Jimmy Nelson (2-3). Toronto pushed across two runs in the second before Morales homered to straightaway centre in the fifth to make it 4-0.

Reliever Danny Barnes (1was credited with the win. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rio Games medals defective

A group of more than 100 athletes from around the world have discovered their medals from the Rio Olympics to be defective.

Rio Games spokesman Mario Andrada said that officials have noted problems with the covering on six to seven per cent of the medals. "The most common issue is that they were dropped or mishandled, and the varnish has come off and they've rusted or gone black in the spot where they were damaged," Andrada said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cavs on NBA Finals doorstep

Kyrie Irving took over in the second half and finished with 42 points, LeBron James added 34 and the Cleveland Cavaliers moved within one win of an almost inevitable third date in the Finals with Golden State by rallying to beat the Boston Celtics 112-99 on Tuesday night in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference

Irving stayed on the floor despite rolling his left ankle in the third quarter, as the Cavs took a 3-1 series lead.

Game 5 is on Thursday in Boston. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAKE IT TONIGHT —

Tangy Avocado Chicken Salad Sandwich



Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh For Metro Canada

There is no end to the creaminess an avocado can give most any recipe and this tangy chicken salad is no exception.

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Prep time: 10 minutes Makes: 4 to 6 sandwiches

Ingredients

- 1 avocado,
- 2 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1 tsp fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup Greek yogurt · pinch of salt and pepper
- 4 pitas or 6 mini pitas
- 2 cups cooked chicken, cubed

Directions

- 1. Slice open your avocado, carefully remove the pit and then use a small, sharp knife to score the flesh. Now use a small spoon to scoop out those avocado cubes.
- 2. In a large bowl, mix all your ingredients (expect the pitas) together. Be gentle so the avocado keeps some of its shape. Taste for seasoning. If you've got time to cover the salad for half an hour the flavours will deepen.
- 3. Slice open your pitas and use a spoon to stuff them with salad.

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*** IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20 Be open to new ideas or applications on how to use something that you already own. You also might see new ways of making money.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 Take a realistic look in the miryour appearance today. After all, you never get a second chance to make a first impression.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 If you work diligently at something behind the scenes, you will come up with some new results. You have a clever mind, and today you are resourceful.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 You might attract someone powerful today. If so, listen to what this person has to say, because he or she could influence your future goals in some way. (It never hurts to listen.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 authority figure will be powerful today. However, you might have new ideas about how to make improvements or reforms. If so, speak up.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Avoid controversial issues like politics, religion and racial matters today, because people are intense. This means a discussion could turn into a quarrel. You don't need this.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 Take care of loose details regarding taxes, debt, bills, inheritances and insurance issues today, because you have the focus and concentration to get this done. Ah, freedom!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. This means you cannot be demanding. Just go along with whatever happens.

✗ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 Set aside some time today to do something that will make you feel better organized. Give yourself a support system to make your life easier.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Today you might see a new approach when it comes to a social situation or how you deal with children. Likewise, you might view a romantic situation in a new light.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 Today you will see ways to make improvements at home, or how you can change the way you do things at home. You might see new uses for things you already own.

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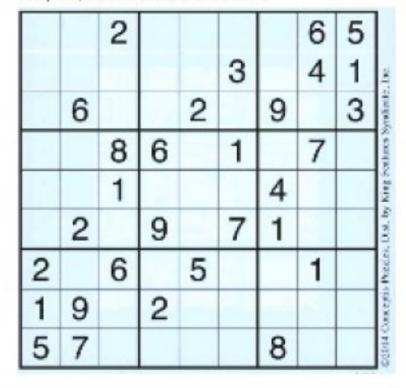
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